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SUBJECT: ALGERIANS REACT CAUTIOUSLY ON CIEC

1. ALGERIAN REACTION TO OUTCOME OF CIEC HAS BEEN ONE OF DISSATISFACTION BUT YET UNWILLINGNESS TO BE OVERLY CRITICAL, OSTENSIBLY FOR FEAR OF ENDANGERING CHANCES OF SUCCESS OF DIALOGUE. ILLUSTRATIVE OF THIS THEME IS EL MOUDJAHID'S EDITORIAL OF DEC. 20 ENTITLED "IS THE DIALOGUE COMPROMISED?"

2. EDITORIAL MAKES FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS:

A. CIEC MINISTERIAL USEFULLY SERVED TO ENUMERATE AND DEFINE THE JURISDICTION OF CONFERENCE.

B. THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS STANDING IN WAY OF
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SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE, HOWEVER, REMAIN UNRESOLVED.

OBSOLETE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND MANEUVERS OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES EXPLAIN THIS "LAMENTABLE" OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE.

C. QUESTION IS NOW POSED AS TO WHETHER DIALOGUE SHOULD CONTINUE WITHOUT CONCRETE GUIDELINES. IT WOULD SEEM THAT FUNDAMENTAL REEXAMINATION OF POSITIONS OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WOULD BE NECESSARY; HOWEVER, WESTERN COUNTRIES SEEM MORE INTERESTED IN PUTTING THEIR OWN HOUSES IN ORDER THAN IN BUILDING RELATIONS WITH THIRD WORLD.

D. WEST HAS TRIED AGAIN AT CIEC MINISTERIAL TO DIVIDE THIRD WORLD ON QUESTION OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AND TO ORIENT THE CONFERENCE TOWARD DISCUSSION OF OIL MATTERS. IN ADDITION, THE WEST'S "SHOCK GROUP," THE IEA, HAS PRACTICALLY RELAUNCHED POLICY OF CONFRONTATION BY ADOPTING OIL FLOOR PRICE. THE THIRD WORLD DOES NOT ACCEPT POSITION THAT OIL QUESTION SHOULD BE TREATED AS MORE IMPORTANT THAN OTHERS.

E. ONCE AGAIN, WEST HAS CHOSEN TO AVOID RATHER THAN DEAL WITH SERIOUS PROBLEMS. THEY HAVE THUS BLOCKED DIALOGUE. FOR HOW LONG, NO ONE KNOWS, CONCLUDES EL MOUDJAHID EDITORIAL.

3. OTHER ARTICLES AND STATEMENTS ALSO MAKE CENTRAL POINT THAT ALGERIA IS SEEKING TO MAKE DIALOGUE MEANINGFUL AND EFFICIENT. IN ORDER TO DO THIS, ALGERIANS PRESSING HOME THEIR CONVICTION THAT THE CHAIRMEN'S MEETING ON JANUARY 26 MUST SUCCEED IN ESTABLISHING MORE CONCRETE GUIDELINES FOR THE COMMISSIONS.
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